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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants	Andre Timmermans, <i>et al.</i>
Serial No. 10/810,288	Filing Date: March 26, 2004
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Confirmation No. 9283	Group Art Unit: 3731

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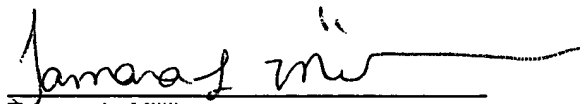
Petition For Time Extension (37 CFR 1.136[A])

Dear Sir:

1. This is a petition for an extension of the time for a total period of one month to respond to the Notice To File Missing Parts mailed on June 8, 2004.
2. A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested is filed herewith.
3. Calculation of extension fee (37 CFR 1.17). \$110.00 Extension Fee is due with this request.

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4. Fee Payment. Attached is a check in the sum of \$110.00. This is also a petition and a request to charge to Account No. 19-4516 for any additional extension and/or fee as may be required or credit for any excess fee paid.

Respectfully submitted,

August 11, 2004


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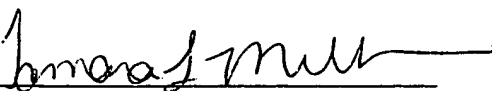
PETITION REQUESTING STATUS UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.47(a)

Dear Sir:

Applicant, through its undersigned attorneys, hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.47(a) that the above-identified application be made on behalf of co-inventor Georg Lajtai for non-signing inventor Andre Timmermans, as Mr. Timmermans refuses to sign the declaration for the above-identified application.

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1. **Proof of Refusal to Sign.** Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a Declaration of Facts In Support Of Petition Requesting Status Under 37 CFR 1.47(a). The Declaration contains proof that the non-signing inventor refuses to sign the declaration after having been presented therewith and with the application papers (specification, claims and drawings). As such, Mr. Timmermans could attest that he has "reviewed and understands the application papers" and therefore could have signed the Declaration which he was requested to sign.

2. **Declaration.** Attached hereto as Exhibit B is a Declaration in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 115 and 116 which has been executed by co-inventor Georg Lajtai, and which is the Declaration which Mr. Timmermans refuses to sign.

3. **Petition Fee.** Enclosed herewith is a check for \$130.00 in accordance with 37 CFR 1.17(h)). The undersigned hereby requests that any additional fee which is due be charged to Account Number 19-4516

4. **Last Known Address of Nonsigning Inventor.** The last known address of co-inventor Andre Timmermans is as follows:

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Respectfully submitted,



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